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In re Application of: **GRAUPE, et al.**

Examiner: **Robert SHIAO**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated **June 10, 2004** ("the Office Action")
and the Advisory Action dated **December 2, 2004** ("the Advisory Action"), reconsideration
is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.

Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and the associated fee.